FEATURE ORGANIZATION

The Experimental **Aircraft Association**



The Experimental Aircraft Association (EEA) is a growing and diverse organization of members with a wide range of aviation interests and backgrounds. EAA was founded in 1953 by a group of individuals in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who were interested in building their own airplanes. Through the decades, the organization expanded its mission to include antiques, classics, warbirds, aerobatic aircraft, ultralights, helicopters and contemporary manufactured aircraft.

EEA has grown from a handful of aviation enthusiasts to a 170,000-member international organization representing virtually the entire spectrum of recreational aviation. Its headquarters and EAA AirVenture Museum now occupy a 150,000 square foot, multi-million dollar facility in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

More importantly, the organization focuses on people, offering the opportunity to make new aviation friends and form relationships while encouraging

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the sharing of information, stories and enthusiasm. The focus of EAA is communication, through our publications, Chapter network, websites, AirVenture and numerous other programs.

66 THE TRUE GREATNESS OF EAA – Paul H. Poberezny

Local chapters are the backbone of the ering was held in 1953. Today, there

EEA Founder & Chairman of the Board

are nearly a 1,000 active local EAA divisional Chapters and Squadrons all over the world carrying on the tradition of recreational aviation. An EAA Chapter/Squadron is comprised of 10 or more EAA members who live in the same area. EAA's growing Chapter network promotes recreational aviation activities at the local "grass roots" level. New Jersey has 12 active chapters with more than 2,200 members.

There are several types of Chapters, such as EAA Chapters, International Chapters, Vintage Aircraft Association Chapters, Ultralight Chapters, International Aerobatic Chapters, and Warbird of America Squadrons. In addition, within these Chapters and Squadrons, there are numerous areas of special interests.

Chapter activities can range from airport open houses to pancake community and help build a stronger bond between local aviation and the general public. Chapters and Squadrons are a great resource for local knowledge and information that helps make recreational aviation fun, enjoyable, and accessible.

Chapter / Location	President	Telephone	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Email / Web Site
EAA 73 Caldwell, NJ	Jerry Bontempo	(973) 340-1958	4th Tues., 8:00 PM	Maintenance Hangar, Caldwell Apt.	planecrazy19@aol.com
EAA 216 Cross Keys, NJ	Walter Ballauer	(856) 589-3354	3rd Wed., 7:30 PM	Free Fall Adventures at Cross Keys Apt.	eaa216@eaa216.org www.eaa216.org
EAA 1333 Hillsborough, NJ	Kevin Kilpatrick	(908) 553-6980	1st Tues., 7:30 PM	Central Jersey Reg. Airport-Flight School	kjkil@hotmail.com
EAA 315 Lakewood, NJ	R Ludwig	(732) 223-3360	1st Mon., 7:30 PM	Contact President	dl51ent@usamailbox.com www.exit109.com/~hoopes/EAA315.htm
EAA 501 Lincoln Park, NJ	Bart Cocchiola	(973) 667-3727	3rd Mon., 7:30 PM	Lincoln Park Airport, Lincoln Park Aviation	cocchiola@eaa501.org www.eaa501.org
EAA 287 Marmora, NJ	Frederick Boyle	(609) 889-9373	Contact President	Contact President	boylen@algorithms.com www.eaa287.iwarp.com/
EAA 1348 Medford, NJ	Barry Sandman	(856) 235-4804	Last Sat., 10:00 AM	Air Victory Museum	eaa_chapter_1348@yahoogroups.com
EAA 238 Millburn, NJ	Matthew Thompson	(973) 514-1917	4th Mon., 7:00 PM	Contact President	m.v.thompson@att.net
EAA 898 Ocean County, NJ	Robert Newman	(732) 341-1794	1st Tues., 7:30 PM	CAP Building, R.J. Miller Airport	rcnewman6@comcast.net
EAA 176 Pennington, NJ	Bruce Wortmann	(215) 736-0486	2nd Fri., 7:30 PM	Twin Pine Airport Clubhouse Pennington, NJ	bwortma@njn.org www.princetonol.com/groups/eaa176/
EAA 643 Pittstown, NJ	Franklin Becker	(908) 236-8664	2nd Tues., 7:00 PM	Contact President	fbbecker@att.net www.eaa643.org
EAA 891 Sussex, NJ	Nelson Gravenstede	(973) 383-4176	2nd Thurs., 7:30 PM	Sussex Airport, EAA Clubhouse	ngraven@warwick.net www.891eaa.org/

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Mystery—Pix Can you guess which airport is pictured here? Answer in next issue.



Last Issue's **Mystery-Pix**

The July 2003 Mystery-Pix was of Asbury Park Airport in Monmouth County.

years, it nevertheless closed in the late 1970's.

This Month

Anyone who flew from this NJ public use airport will recognize this picture. This turf strip was unique because it had a DOUBLE dog-leg!

The answer will be in the next Flight Log.

Got an interesting NJ aviation picture? Send it to the Division for publication here.

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NJ's Transportation Trust Fund Aids Alexandria Field

Project will help fund runway widening and overlays

The New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund is financing \$481,000 in runway repair, widening and overlay work at Alexandria Field in Pittstown, covering 90 percent of the project cost.

This financing, which is allocated through the state's Airport Safety Fund (ASF), is particularly useful at assisting New Jersey's privately owned public use airports and advancing projects that would be difficult to undertake with Federal airport aid," said Transportation Commisioner Jack Lettiere. "The Trust Fund supplies over 80 percent of the dollars in the ASF. With the Trust Fund due for reauthorization next summer, one of Governor McGreevey's top priorities is assuring that we continue to have the resources to support important programs such as the ASF."



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Alexandria Field is a second generation family After repair, widening and overlay, Runway 13/31 operated business that is co-owned by William will be 1,810' x 25'. Project design and engineer Fritsche and his sister Linda Castner, William ing work is 100% complete and the project is Melvin Fritsche, founded the airport in 1944.

"NJ's Airport Safety Fund, the Transportation Trust Fund, and help from the Department of Approximately 100 aircraft are based at Alexandria improve this airport."

widening of Runway 8/26 from 26' to 60'. It will flight and ground school experience. also improve and landscape overgrown areas and



relocate power lines to provide safer runway approaches. A new PAPI system will be installed on Runway 8. There will also be significant work done on Alexandria's crosswind Runway 13/31 going to bid. All work is expected to be completed by the end of September 2003.

Transportation, have been critical for the preserva- Field which has an active flight school with 50 to tion of NJ's smaller general aviation airports," 80 active students and an aviation summer camp said William Fritsche. Linda Castner remarked, for children ages 11-13. Alexandria Field is also "We are grateful to the State of New Jersey for the home of an innovative new workshop program everything that has been done to preserve and designed by Linda Castner called "Women Take Flight." The workshops promote women in aviation along with self-esteem development by leading Upcoming project work includes overlay and participants through a challenging group-oriented

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Governor Awards Air and Space Medal

Award recognizes outstanding achievement in aeronautics and space exploration



Mr. Dick Sollner (left), and Mr. Bill Moore, recipients of the

The 2003 Governor's Air and Space medal statute is N.J.S.A. 6:1-98 and provides that was presented to Mr. Dick Sollner and Mr. Bill Moore, who made an around the world flight in Awareness Month, an award shall be presenta Piper "Comanche" model light twin aircraft, ed by the Governor or a designee, in a public starting from Sky Manor Airport in Hunterdon ceremony, to an individual currently or formerly County. The presentation was made at the residing in this state, or to an organization Annual Awards Dinner of New Jersey's located in the state of New Jersey, in recogni-Teterboro Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum.

Both Sollner and Moore are retired commer- space exploration." cial airline pilots. Sollner retired as a Captain flying a wide-body Eastern L-1011. Moore To learn more about the Governor's Air and started flying circa World War II in the Civilian Space Medal, please visit www.njleg.state.nj.us Pilot Training Program and spent much of that and look up N.J.S.A. 6:1-98 under "statutes." war ferrying bombers across the Atlantic.

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Sollner's Twin Comanche, equipped with long

range fuel tanks, special radios and water sur-

vival gear, departed Sky Manor in Pittstown, on

May 25, 2002 for Cuba, Missouri. On July 4,

after circling the globe, they returned to Sky

Manor. Despite a few mechanical difficulties,

the flight was without incident. Their entire

remarkable trip is documented online at

The Governor's Air & Space Medals were first

awarded in the 1930's and permanently codi-

fied into law in 1996. The Air & Space Medal

"each year during the month of May, Aviation

tion of the individual's or organization's

outstanding achievement in aeronautics or

http://www.flightaroundtheworld.com.

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From the Commissioner of **Transportation, Jack Lettiere**

Division Streamlining: I am delighted to announce several measures to improve efficiency and customer service at the Division of Aeronautics. The full text of my press release is printed on page three of the newsletter. As you know, the Division is focusing on time sensitive airport preservation and rehabilitation projects. To advance this work more quickly, we are making the following changes:

- Reorganize Division procedures and staff to accelerate projects and improve customer service.
- Put more focus on State funded initiatives. Provide more funds to local entities to help them
- meet FAA grant local match requirements. Reduce layers of management and delay by allowing airports to coordinate directly with the FAA on future Federal aid applications.

The Division streamlining includes the phase-out of a ten-year block grant arrangement where State personnel were responsible for various Federal aid functions. This change will clearly and unambiguously consolidate Federal aid functions with the FAA, and State aid functions with the NJDOT.

Executive Order #43: There is much interest in the aviation community in Governor James E. McGreevey's Executive Order #43 on transportation. Governor McGreevey's Order establishes the Blue Ribbon Transportation Commission and sets out transportation strategies that include the preservation and rehabilitation of New Jersey's airport system. We wanted you to have a copy of this important Order to read for yourself; the full text of the Order is shown on page four.

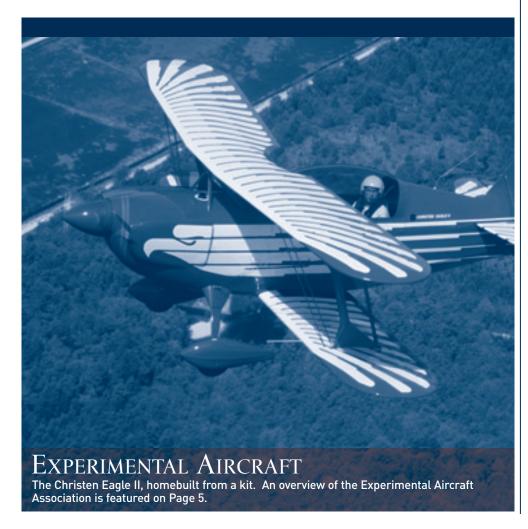
In Memory: Finally, it is with sadness that I must report the passing of our good friend John Luce, the Regional Representative for AOPA. John was a tireless advocate for aviation and our Regional Representative for almost ten years covering a territory that spanned New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Delaware. John will be greatly missed.

NJDOT streamlines aeronautics program

of a more customer-oriented department, I approved projects. have directed all managers to find ways to improve efficiency and accelerate delivery of In addition, the department will phase out a our transportation projects," said Lettiere. 10-year block grant arrangement in which state "Theses changes will allow the Aeronautics personnel assumed responsibility for various Division to focus on State initiatives for the federal functions. This improvement will conpreservation of key airports and the rehabilita- solidate federal responsibilities with the FAA tion of deteriorating airport infrastructure."

(TRENTON) In an effort to streamline The NJDOT's Division of Aeronautics will and improve NJDOT's Airport Safety Aid streamline the Safety Aid Program through a Program, Transportation Commissioner Jack comprehensive reorganization and make more Lettiere announced measures designed funds available to local governments to help to increase efficiency, provide better customer them meet match requirements for Federal service, enhance New Jersey's partnership Aviation Administration grants. The changes with federal and local entities and accelerate will also allow airports to coordinate directly with federal authorities on federal aid issues, reorganize division staff to provide better direct "In carrying out Governor McGreevey's vision customer service and accelerate the delivery of

and State responsibilities with the NJDOT.



AOPA Expo 2003 in Philadelphia

AOPA Expo 2003, the nation's foremost general aviation convention, will be especially accessible this year for New Jersey pilots and aircraft owners. AOPA's 2003 National Convention will kick off on October 30 in Philadelphia's Convention Center. Attendees will have a chance to meet the FAA Administrator, Marion Blakey who will address the opening general assembly.

Blakey has attended prior AOPA conventions. At the 2002 AOPA Expo, which was attended by 11,701 persons, Blakey spoke about the challenges arising out of security concerns that faced both the federal government and the GA community. More than 500 exhibits will fill the Pennsylvania Convention Center in downtown Philadelphia. Registration is available online at www.aopa.com/org or by calling 1-888-GO2-EXPO between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

SAFETY SEMINAR

You are invited to attend the 5th Annual "Kathy Jaffe" **Safety Seminar Sessions**

> Featuring Rich Stowell "Landings" "Engine Failure"

Thursday, October 9, 2003 C&W Aero Services **Essex County Airport**

Tuesday, October 14, 2003 Flying "W"

Thursday, October 16, 2003 Atlantic city Midlantic Aviation

All sessions begin at 7 p.m.

For reservations contact Greg McDonough (609) 530-2900

Report Suspicious or **Unauthorized Activity**

1-866-GA-SECURE **AOPA AIRPORT WATCH**

Executive Order No. 43

Below is Governor James E. McGreevey's Executive Order No. 43, Creating a Blue Ribbon Transportation Panel

essential for the health and well being of our communities, statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT: our working families, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is already the most densely populated state in the country and its population is expected to grow by 1 million people by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's highway and bridge system is overburdened and in need of repair; and

over capacity and suffering from ten years of deferred

maintenance: and WHEREAS, the aging transportation infrastructure in New Jersey poses a significant and ongoing safety and

security concern; and WHEREAS, New Jersey drivers waste 261 million hours year after the Commission organizes. sitting in traffic, costing each New Jersey driver nearly

and losing valuable time that could be better spent with our families: and WHEREAS, improving the transportation system to meet the needs of the 21st century is an important goal of this DOT shall serve as Chair of the Commission. The public and Administration, especially as it relates to reducing con-

gestion, enhancing safety, and improving the quality of life for all working families in New Jersey; and WHEREAS, the needs of New Jersey's transp system outweigh the resources available; and

WHEREAS, in this time of limited resources it is important to identify and prioritize transportation needs and allocate the Commission available resources by incorporating the principles of "Fix it First" and "Smart Growth": and

rail and aviation systems first, instead of pursuing an of any State department, board, bureau, commission or expansion policy; and

tion options and transit availability, reduce automobile made available to it for its purposes. traffic and dependency, stabilize property taxes, and provide affordable housing; and

needs in New Jersey; and

reauthorize the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st transportation infrastructure improvements. Century in 2003: and

July 1984 to provide a stable and predictable funding Turnpike Authority (NJTA), the New Jersey Parkway source for state and local transportation capital improvements in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, of the 36,000 miles of roadway in New a. An expedited project delivery pipeline initiative, that will quality of this local infrastructure; and.

for nearly 90% of New Jersey's roadways; and WHEREAS, the Transportation Trust Fund must be

renewed by July of 2004; and

the Transportation Trust Fund and the Transportation ment; and Equity Act for the 21st Century;

Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the trucks on our highways; and

WHEREAS, a vital transportation system in New Jersey is authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the d. An improved access permit process that will expedite

1. There is hereby established a Blue Ribbon Transportation Commission ("Commission") to examine ment in growth areas, such as urban and older suburban and make recommendations on the pressing transporta- corridors, and prevent it in environmentally sensitive and tion issues facing New Jersey over the next ten years. The Commission shall also identify the means necessary WHEREAS, New Jersey's public transportation system is to address these pressing transportation issues and reccelear, concise, consistent, and "smart" information to the ommendations for their consideration during the motoring public. This initiative will consist of a Pilot upcoming renewal of the Transportation Trust Fund. The Program to identify the resources necessary for Statewide Commission shall issue a final report containing its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation that it deems appropriate, within one

\$1,300 per year, negatively impacting our quality of life 2. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) public members appointed by the Governor, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of sion-making from the State to local governments and by Transportation (DOT), ex officio. The Commissioner of expediting transportation improvements on local roads; labor and environmental communities, as well as individuals with expertise in New Jersey transportation issues. The Commission shall organize as soon as may be practicable after the appointment of its members. The members shall appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of

3. The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairperon improving aging bridges and rehabilitating highways, assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees portation. agency, as it may require and as may be available for its 7. DOT, NJT, NJHA, NJHA and SJTA shall include in their WHEREAS, smart growth principles will focus and direct purposes, and to employ stenographic and clerical assistransportation investments into the redevelopment of our tance and incur traveling and other miscellaneous older urban and suburban areas, protect existing open expenses as may be necessary in order to perform its First" and "Smart Growth." These projects shall receive space, conserve natural resources, increase transporta- duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise priority treatment. Such projects shall include but not be

4. DOT shall work closely with the New Jersey congres-WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st sional delegation and with other similarly situated states to rehabilitating airports, improving rail freight services, Century is a vital funding mechanism for the Department establish funding priorities and develop a strategy to maximproving ferry services, enhancing safety, and making our of Transportation to address the transportation system imize the State's share of federal resources. This strategy shall consider proposals to provide DOT with the flexibil WHEREAS, the United States Congress is scheduled to ty to ensure the expedited and efficient completion of 8. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the

WHEREAS, the Transportation Trust Fund was created in 5. DOT, New Jersey Transit (NJT), the New Jersey Authority (NJPA) and the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) shall implement:

Jersey, 32,000 miles are controlled by county and munici- shave 1 to 4 years off the time to deliver a typical project, a. implementing an expedited project delivery pipeline inipal governments whose responsibility it is to maintain the reduce project cost and increase the total number of project cost and increase the project cost and inc ects that can be advanced in a year. This initiative will WHEREAS, the Local Aid programs funded through the replace the "one-size-fits-all" schedule historically used by Transportation Trust Fund were created to provide counties and municipalities the tools and resources needed to nature. This improved project delivery process will accelc. implementing highway safety initiatives; maximum possible on transportation improvements; and

b. A highway safety initiative designed to reduce acciof New Jersey are greater than the resources provided by driver education, and traffic safety compliance enforce- ing public; and

c. A statewide rail plan designed to increase the efficien-NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, cy of freight movement and thereby reduce the number of

regulatory review and incorporate the principles of Smart Growth, when allowing access to New Jersey highways. This new process will curtail sprawl by directing develop-

overdeveloped areas; and e. An information and signage program that will convey implementation, DOT, NJT, NJTA, NJHA and SJTA will immediately begin to take steps to implement this Pilot Program and report to the Governor's Office on its progress in sixty days. The Pilot Program will fix confusing directional signs and implement technology to provide real-time traffic information. The Pilot Program will also reduce red tape by transferring traffic engineering deci-

members shall include representatives of the business, f. An expanded Park & Ride initiative, with a goal of achieving over 20,000 new parking spaces within the next five years at mass transit facilities and transportation centers, along with a public awareness campaign that will provide user-friendly information to the public

6. DOT, NJT, NJTA, NJHA and SJTA, in conjunction with the Smart Growth Policy Council, shall develop plans that are consistent with New Jersey's smart growth policies WHEREAS, a "Fix it First" strategy will focus our efforts son. The Commission shall be entitled to call to its and that promote and encourage the use of public trans-

> capital investment strategy a process that will expedite projects determined to advance the principles of "Fix It limited to, preserving and rehabilitating bridges and roadways, increasing capacity for all modes of public transportation, eliminating bottlenecks, preserving and

> Delaware River Bay Authority, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and the Delaware River Port Authority shall consider incorporating, on a priority basis, policies consistent with "Smart Growth" and "Fix It First" principles, with respect to New Jersey projects. In addition, these bi-state authorities shall consider the following

> tiative to reduce project costs and increase the number of projects that can be advanced in a year:

> b. coordinating their efforts, where appropriate, with the

maintain and operate these local roadways, which account erate the amount of work contracted by State agencies. d. improving their access permits process to allow expecreate jobs and ensure that State agencies spend the dited regulatory review, while incorporating smart growth

e. implementing information and signage programs to WHEREAS, the current and future transportation needs dents on our highways through improved infrastructure, convey accurate and appropriate information to the motor-

f. supporting and contributing to the expanded Park and

9. This Order shall take effect immediately

